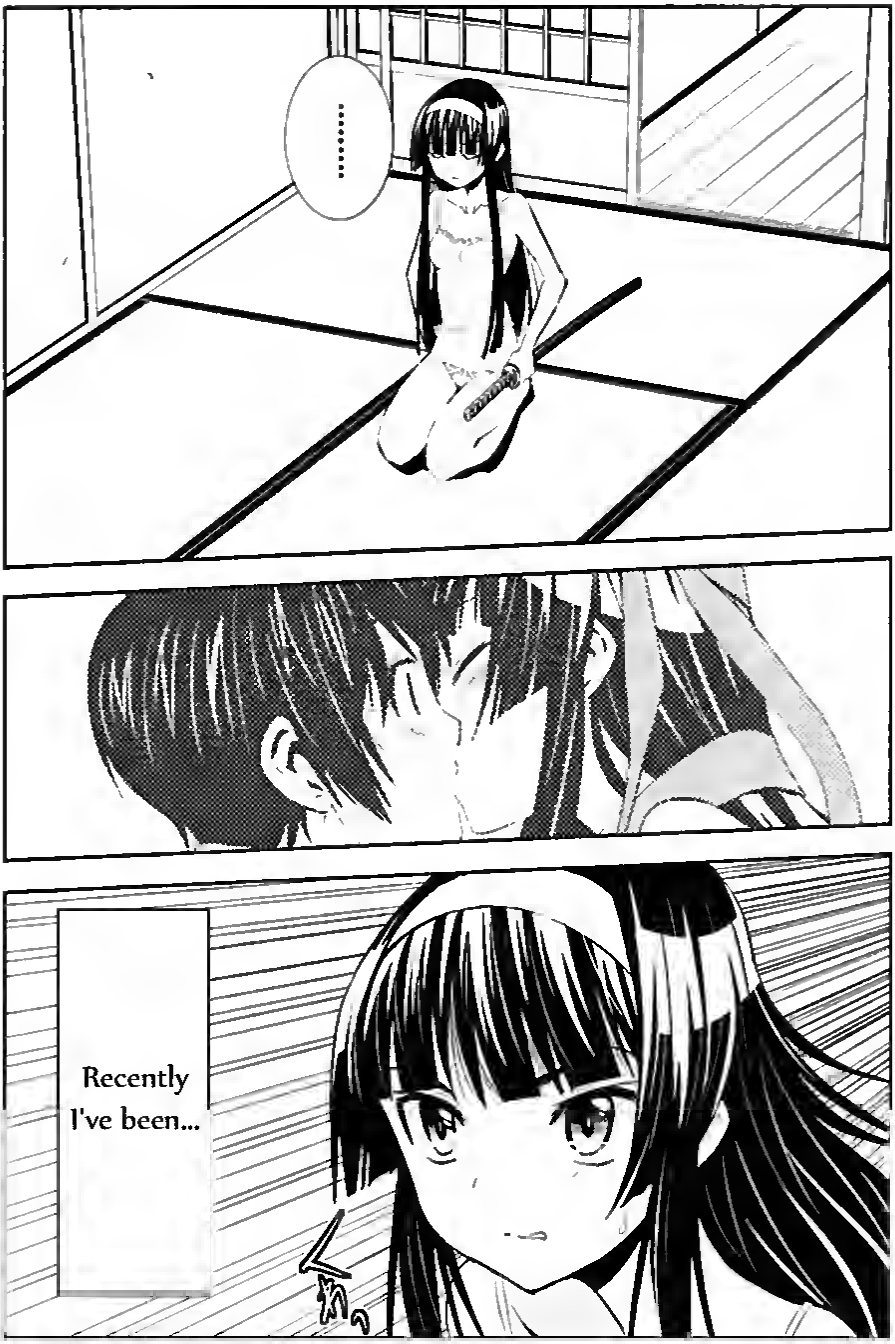
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Recently I've been...

Slacking off.

It was just spur of the moment...
I CAN'T SWING AWAY THESE LEWD THOUGHTS
AH- GOD- NO NO NO!!
USING MY SELF-TAUGHT IAI SKILL!
-WAIT,
SHIKI SHIMA-SAN?!
THAT'S HOW YOU DO IT.
IS THAT HOW YOU DO IT?

HOW DO YOU KEEP GETTING IN HERE EVERY TIME...
NOTHING'S IMPOSSIBLE FOR US NEWGENS.
HAVEN'T YOU GOTTEN QUITE BOLD?
IT'S JUST A FIGURE OF SPEECH... PLEASE DON'T TAKE IT SERIOUSLY.
カチッ
ALTHOUGH MOST RECENTLY,
I WAS ABLE TO STAGE YOUR FIRST KISS WITH HANASAKA-KUN,
WHICH WAS CONSIDERED IMPOSSIBLE.
SHUT UP!
YOU'VE BEEN SUCH A MENACE LATELY!
BESIDES, YOU'VE KISSED HIM YOURSELF!
MINE WAS CPR.

A lot has happened since I got here two months ago. I've been blessed with classmates, and things have been going pretty well.
Sounds like fun.
JUST GET OUT!
GET OUT, I SAID!!
What is it? When you think of school life...
But for some reason, I feel like something is missing.
That's it!
Studying, sports, playing... What did students used to do

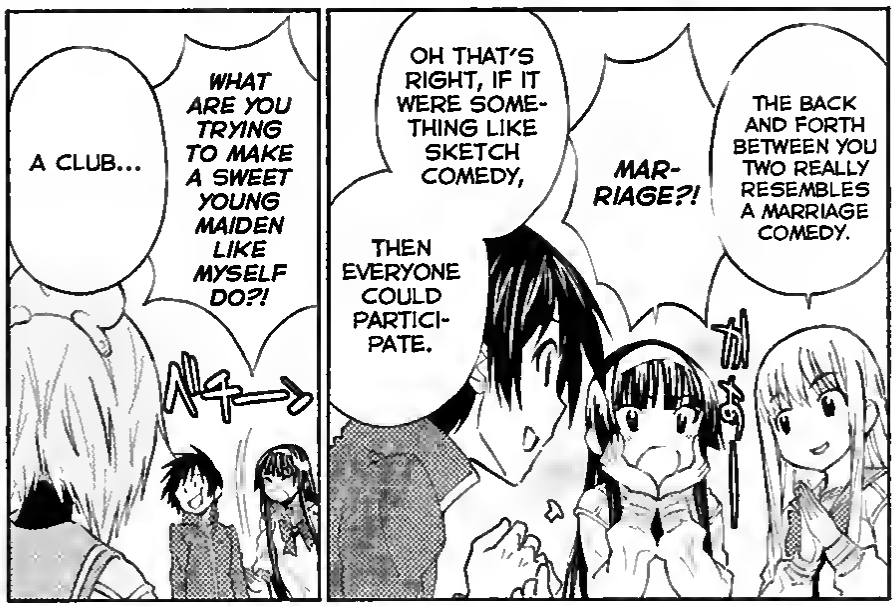
HIME SHIRO-SAN, SHIKISHIMA-SAN
Hanasaka!!
ARE YOU DOING ANY-THING AFTER THIS?
Calm down Sakurako .. Just stay composed...
WHAT DO YOU MEAN?
LEAVING? WHY?
WE'RE GOING BACK TO THE APARTMENT, OBVIOUSLY!!

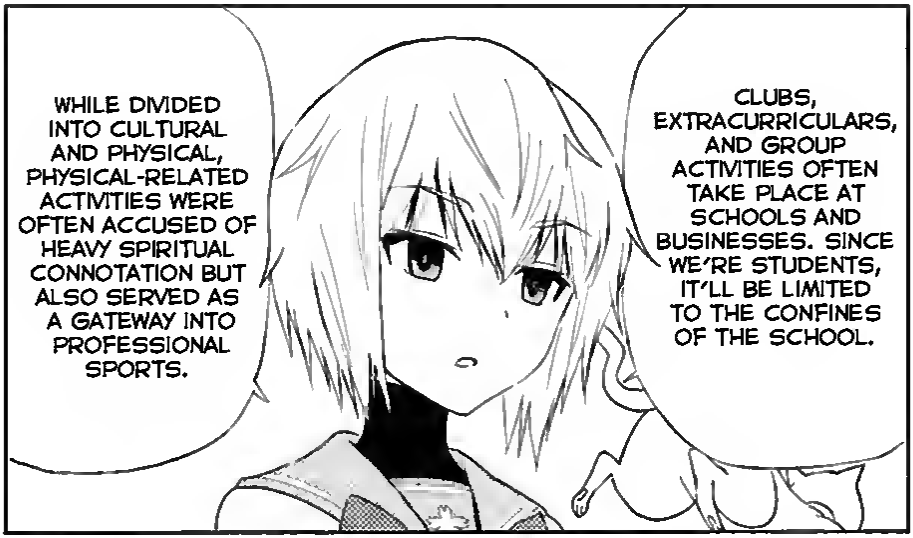
HARU-SAMA,
IF THE OTHER TWO ARE LEAVING,
THEN SHALL WE GO BACK AND DO KARAOKE?
WELL THAT'S FINE TOO, BUT I ACTUALLY HAD A PROPOSAL FOR EVERYONE.
THIS TIME A DUET!!
WHAT DO YOU THINK...
ABOUT CLUB ACTIVITIES?
CLUB ACTIVITIES?

A CLUB! WHAT A WONDERFUL IDEA!
IF IT WERE UP TO ME, I'D LIKE TO BE IN A KARAOKE CLUB WITH JUST HARU-SAMA, BUT WHAT DO YOU THINK?
IT WOULD BE NICE IF ALL FOUR OF US COULD PARTICIPATE.
THAT'S TRUE~~~.
PHYSICAL ONES LIKE BASEBALL, SOCCER, BASKETBALL, AND YOUR AVERAGE TEAM SPORTS, ARE OUT OF THE QUESTION!
TRUE, BECAUSE THERE'S ONLY FOUR OF US.
PERHAPS A SPORT THAT HAS DOUBLES LIKE TENNIS OR PING PONG?
.....
WAIT A MINUTE!!

SO, WHAT ARE WE DIVIDING UP ANYWAY?
HIMESHRO-SAN, THAT'S "PARTI-TIONING"
WHY ARE YOU ASSUMING THAT I WANT TO BE A PART OF THIS?
O-OF COURSE I DO!
OH HIMESHIRO-SAN, YOU KNOW ABOUT CLUBS?

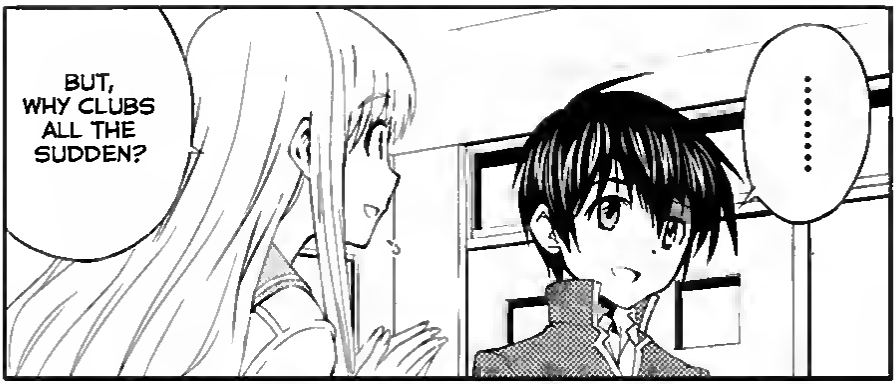
TL NOTE: BUNKATSU SOUNDS LIKE BUKATSU IN JAPANESE


A CLUB...
WHAT ARE YOU TRYING TO MAKE A SWEET YOUNG MAIDEN LIKE MYSELF DO?!
OH THAT'S RIGHT, IF IT WERE SOME-THING LIKE SKETCH COMEDY,
THEN EVERYONE COULD PARTICI-PATE.
MAR-RIAGE?!
THE BACK AND FORTH BETWEEN YOU TWO REALLY RESEMBLES A MARRIAGE COMEDY.


WHILE DIVIDED INTO CULTURAL AND PHYSICAL, PHYSICAL-RELATED ACTIVITIES WERE OFTEN ACCUSED OF HEAVY SPIRITUAL CONNOTATION BUT ALSO SERVED AS A GATEWAY INTO PROFESSIONAL SPORTS.
CLUBS, EXTRACURRICULARS, AND GROUP ACTIVITIES OFTEN TAKE PLACE AT SCHOOLS AND BUSINESSES. SINCE WE'RE STUDENTS, IT'LL BE LIMITED TO THE CONFINES OF THE SCHOOL.

WHAT KIND OF CLUB WOULD YOU LIKE TO HAVE, SHIKISHIMA-SAN?
THANKS FOR THE *SIMPLE* EXPLANATION.
WAY TO GO NEWGEN.

THE GO-HOME CLUB.


BUT, WHY CLUBS ALL THE SUDDEN?
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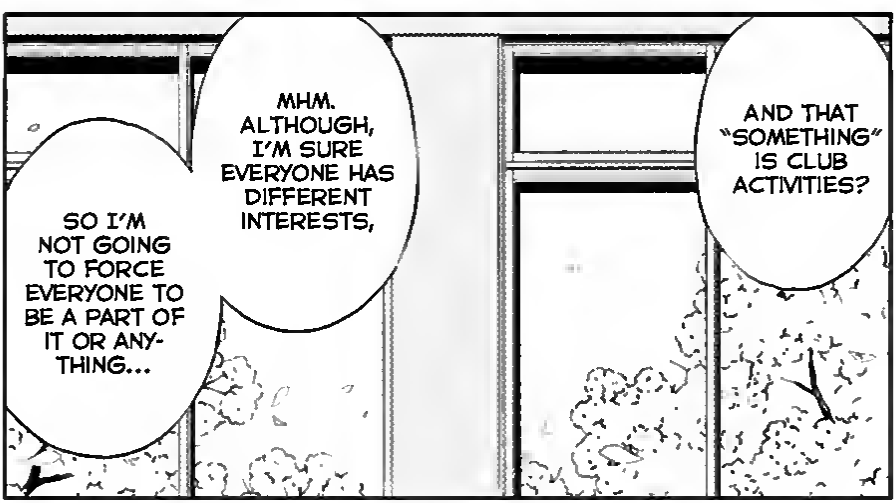
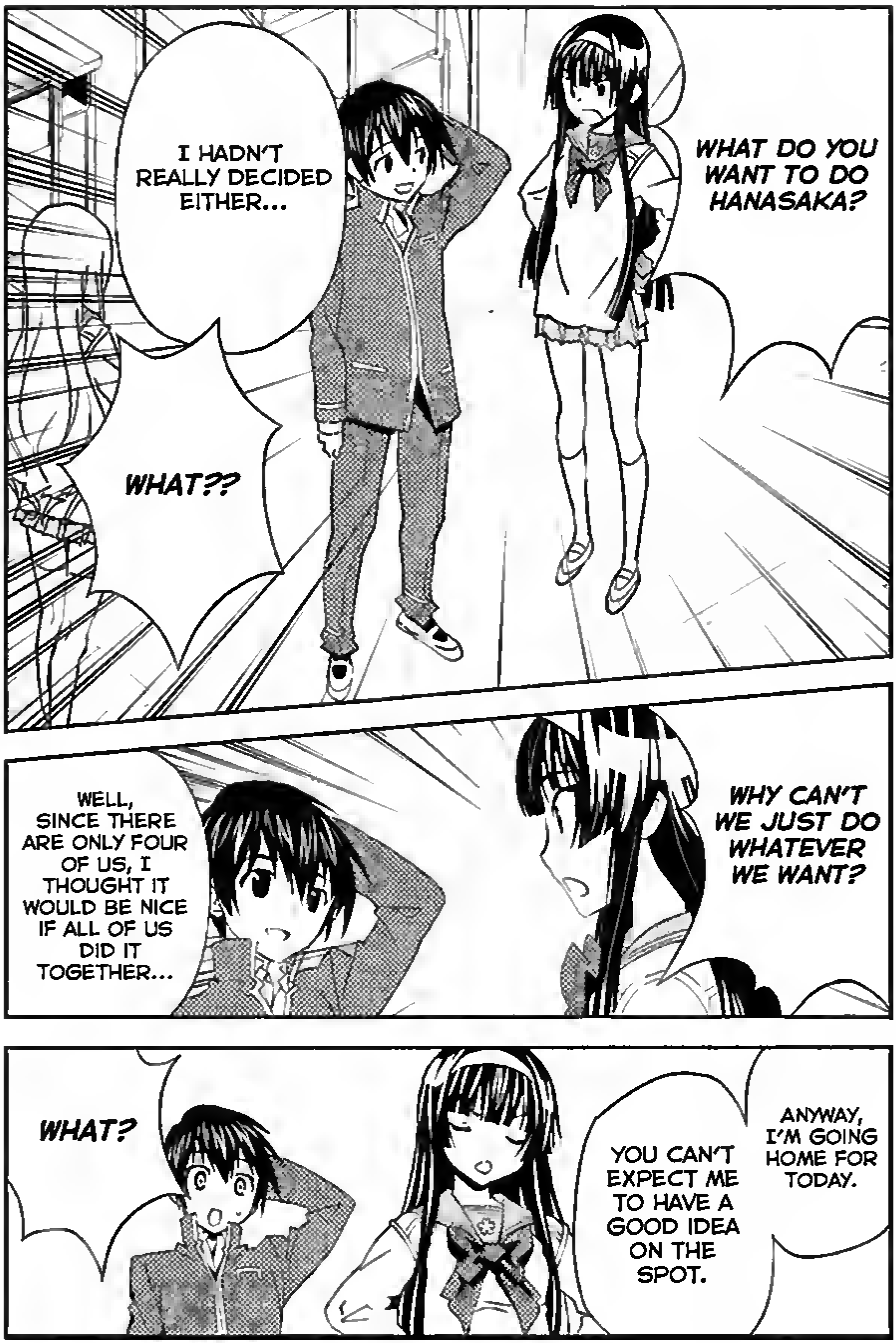
IT WAS FUN, BUT I JUST FELT LIKE SOME-THING WAS MISSING.
WELL, I'VE ALREADY BEEN HERE FOR TWO MONTHS, AND COLLETTE-SAN HAS BEEN HERE FOR ONE.

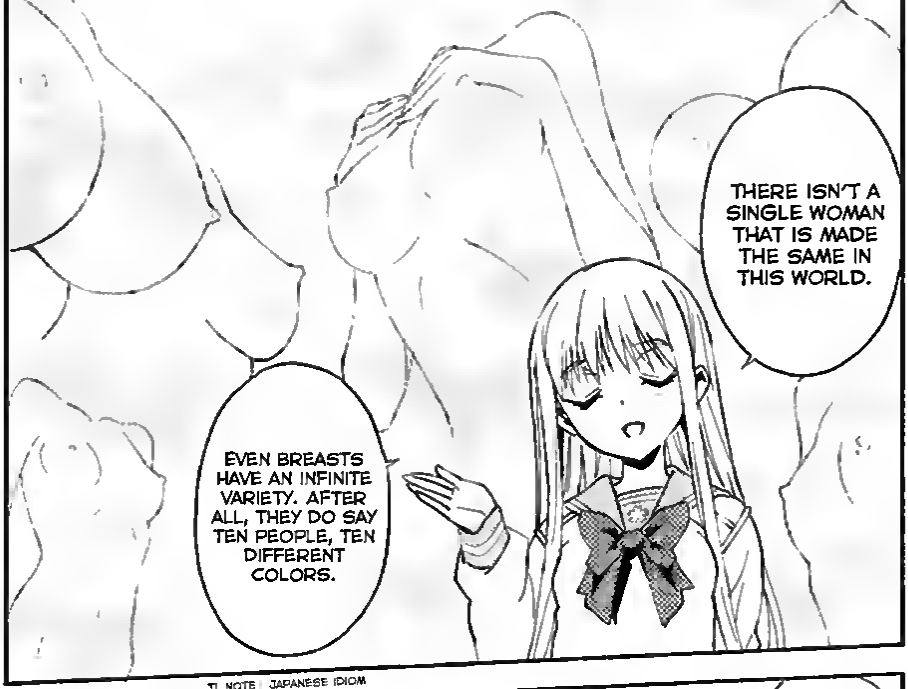

SO I'M NOT GOING TO FORCE EVERYONE TO BE A PART OF IT OR ANY-THING...
MHM. ALTHOUGH, I'M SURE EVERYONE HAS DIFFERENT INTERESTS,
AND THAT "SOMETHING" IS CLUB ACTIVITIES?


I HADN'T REALLY DECIDED EITHER...
WHAT??
WHAT DO YOU WANT TO DO HANASAKA?
WELL, SINCE THERE ARE ONLY FOUR OF US, I THOUGHT IT WOULD BE NICE IF ALL OF US DID IT TOGETHER...
WHY CAN'T WE JUST DO WHATEVER WE WANT?
WHAT?
YOU CAN'T EXPECT ME TO HAVE A GOOD IDEA ON THE SPOT.
ANYWAY, I'M GOING HOME FOR TODAY.

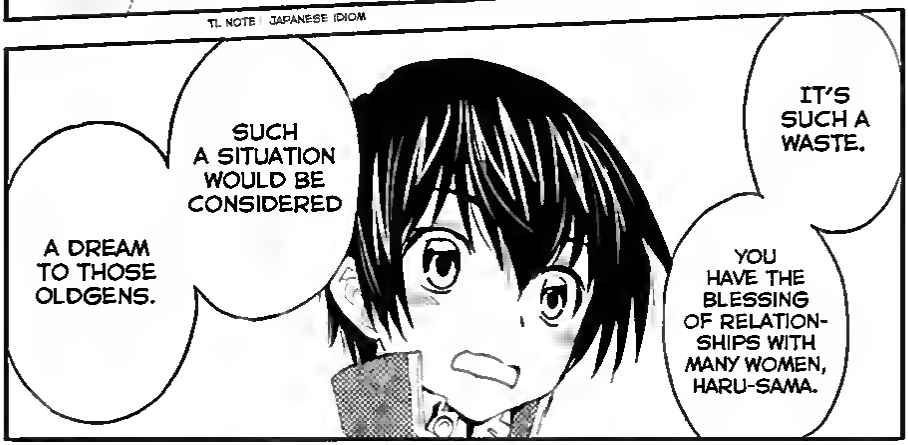
RELAX. I'LL AT LEAST THINK IT OVER.
"WHAT" YOURSELF!
WELL, WITH THAT...
I DIDN'T SAY I WOULDN'T PARTICIPATE, DID I!?

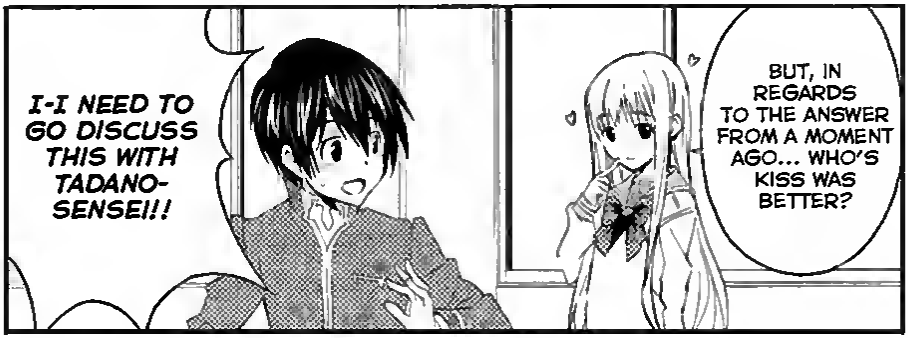
HARU-SAMA I JUST CAME UP WITH SOME-THING!
HOW ABOUT A WOMAN'S BODY APPRECIATION CLUB?! OR EVEN A RESEARCH CLUB?
WH-WHAT'S THAT?
IT SOUNDS KIND OF LEWD!
THE TASTE OF A KISS FOR EXAMPLE.
WHOSE KISS IS THE BEST?

HOW DID YOU KNOW ABOUT THAT?!
YOU JUST KISSED HIMESHIRO-SAN THE OTHER DAY RIGHT?
WHAT?
ALL OF THE THREE FEMALES HERE.
WITH THAT, HARU-SAMA, YOU'VE KISSED...
RIGHT? WOULDN'T IT BE WORTH RE-SEARCHING?
THEN ALL OF US COULD PARTICIPATE ...
ALL THREE OF US MUST HAVE BEEN DIFFERENT.


THERE ISN'T A SINGLE WOMAN THAT IS MADE THE SAME IN THIS WORLD.
EVEN BREASTS HAVE AN INFINITE VARIETY. AFTER ALL, THEY DO SAY TEN PEOPLE, TEN DIFFERENT COLORS.

TL NOTE - JAPANESE IDIOM


IT'S SUCH A WASTE.
YOU HAVE THE BLESSING OF RELATION-SHIPS WITH MANY WOMEN, HARU-SAMA.
SUCH A SITUATION WOULD BE CONSIDERED
A DREAM TO THOSE OLDGENS.

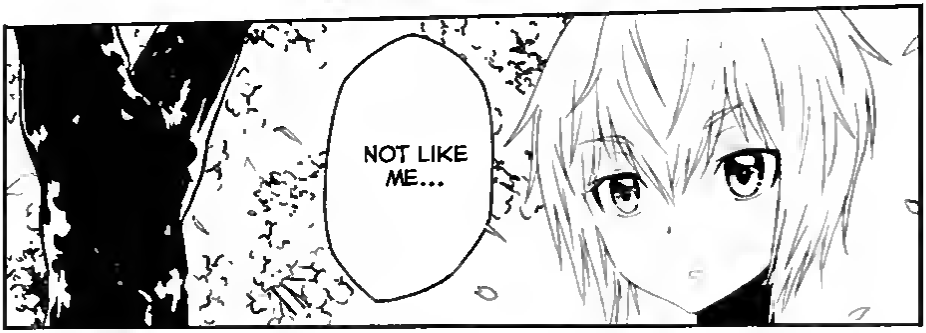


SEE-
SEE YOU!

I DON'T EVEN MIND WHAT ANSWER I WOULD HAVE GOTTEN.
SEEING AS HARU-SAMA'S FIRST KISS WILL ALWAYS BE MINE.

SO WHAT WAS THAT ALL ABOUT?
?
"THE GO-HOME CLUB..."
SPEAK FOR YOURSELF, HIME SHIRO-SAN.
SAYING IT LIKE THAT WILL HURT HANASAKA'S FEELINGS!
THAT!
THAT DOESN'T MAKE ANY SENSE...
I'M FINE! THAT'S MY WHOLE CHARACTER!

NOT LIKE THE USUAL SHIKISHIMA-SAN.
I JUST THOUGHT IT WAS AN ODDLY THORNY RESPONSE.


NOT LIKE ME...

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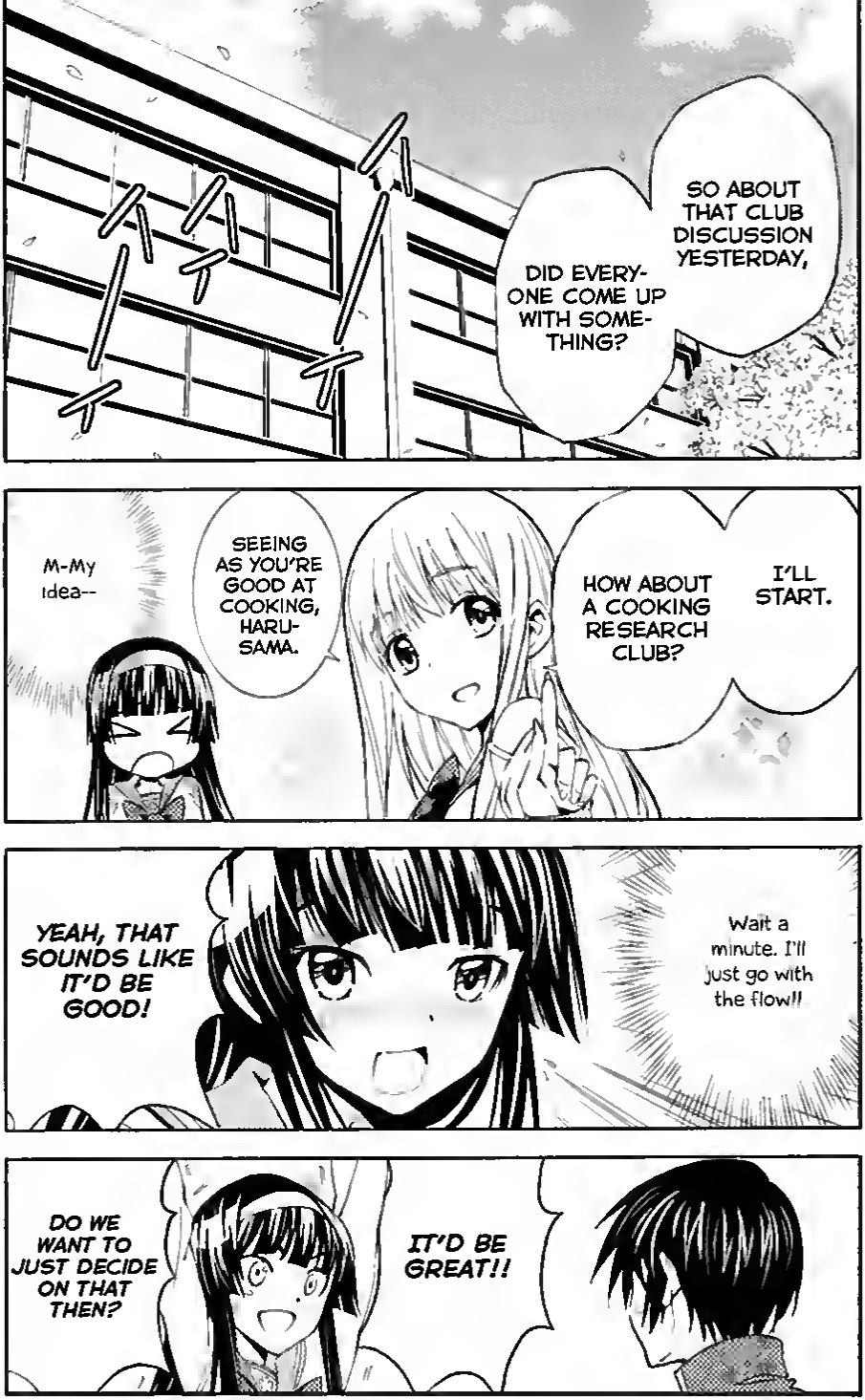
IF IT'S NOTHING THEN THAT'S FINE.
LET'S GO HOME ALREADY!!

I WAS HOPING IT COULD BE SOMETHING ALL FOUR OF US COULD DO.
OH YOU HAVEN'T DECIDED YET?
YOU WANT ME TO BE THE INSTRUCTOR FOR YOUR CLUB?
I SUPPOSE I DON'T MIND... BUT WHAT KIND OF CLUB?
WHEN THE TIME COMES, WE'LL LOOK FORWARD TO YOUR SUPPORT.
JUST TAKE YOUR TIME WITH IT, AND LET ME KNOW WHEN YOU'VE DECIDED.
IT MUST BE HARD TO DECIDE ON ONE THING, GIVEN THE FOUR OF YOU.
ABOUT THAT...
YOU CAN CONSIDER ME EXCLUSIVE TO CULTURAL ACTIVITIES.
AH, ONE MORE THING.
IF IT INVOLVES PHYSICAL ACTIVITY, THEN YOU'LL HAVE TO ASK TACHIBANA-SENSEI TO BE YOUR INSTRUCTOR.

WHA?!
WHAT ARE YOU TWO TALKING SO QUAINTLY ABOUT?
TELL ME ABOUT IT!

Just this.
But as for now,
I have a lot of things I want to do...

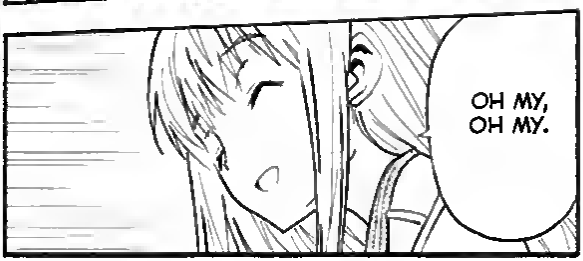

SO ABOUT THAT CLUB DISCUSSION YESTERDAY,
DID EVERY-ONE COME UP WITH SOME-THING?
I'LL START.
HOW ABOUT A COOKING RESEARCH CLUB?
SEEING AS YOU'RE GOOD AT COOKING, HARU-SAMA.
M-My idea--
Wait a minute. I'll just go with the flow!!
YEAH, THAT SOUNDS LIKE IT'D BE GOOD!
IT'D BE GREAT!!
DO WE WANT TO JUST DECIDE ON THAT THEN?

I COOK AT HOME EVERY DAY THOUGH.
HOW ABOUT YOU, SHIKISMA-SAN?

I HAVE STUDENT COUNCIL WORK TO DO, SO I HAVE TO BE GOING.

PLEASE JUST WAIT FOR A FEW MOMENTS.
LET GO OF...!

WHA?
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT, SHIKISHIMA-SAN!!


OH MY, OH MY.

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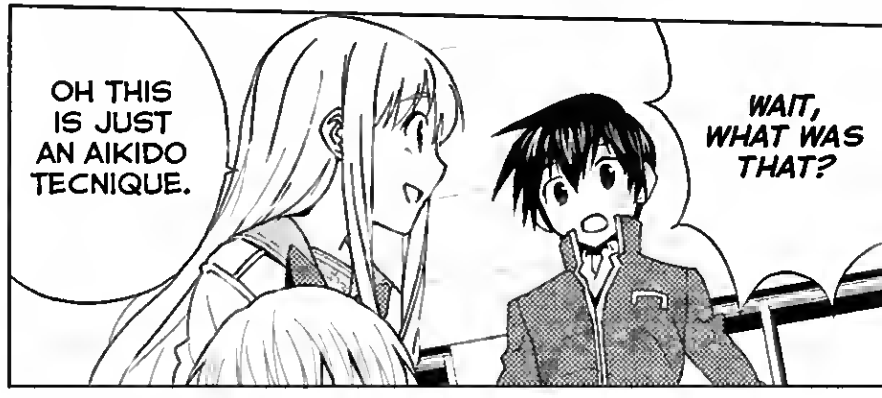
YOU KNOW MARTIAL ARTS, COLETTE-SAN?
WHA? THAT'S THE MARTIAL ART KNOWN AS AIKIDO, RIGHT?!


OH THIS IS JUST AN AIKIDO TECNIQUE.
WAIT, WHAT WAS THAT?

OUTSIDE OF MARTIAL ARTS, TEA CEREMONY, FLOWER ARRANGEMENT, KOUDOU, AND MANY OTHERS.
I'VE MASTERED MOST OF THEM BEFORE COMING HERE.
OH YES, AND NOT JUST AIKIDO.
JUDO, KENDO, KARATE, KYUDO, IAIDO, JUKENDO, AND MANY MORE.

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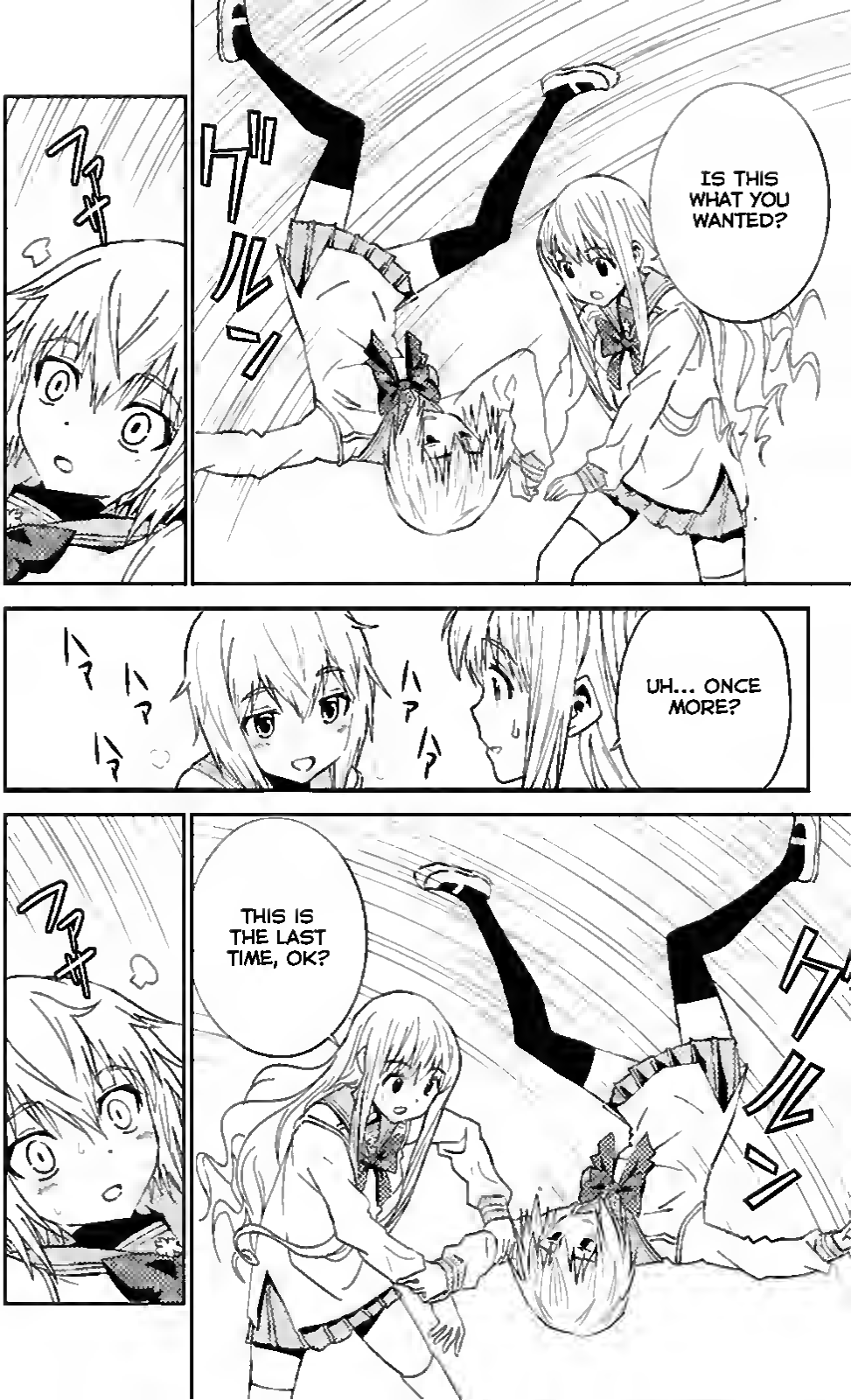
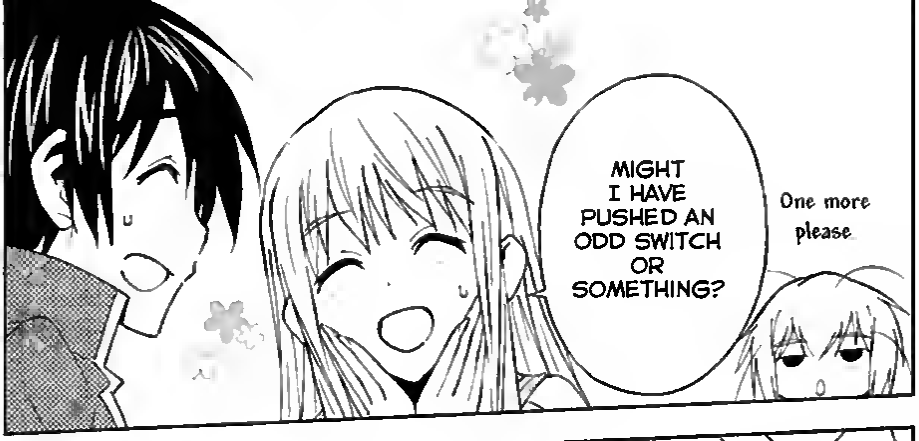
IT'S JUST THE MAIDEN'S DEEP DESIRE TO WANT TO KNOW EVERYTHING
ABOUT YOUR COUNTRY HARU-SAMA!
BUT WHY SO MANY?
That many?! Wow!!
Lucky...

OH? YOU DON'T KNOW ANY MARTIAL ARTS, HIMESHIRO-SAN?
NOT LIKE I HAD A CHOICE! WE LAST-GENS
WEREN'T ALLOWED TO LEARN ANYTHING THAT WAS CONSIDERED DANGEROUS!
Wait a minute... at least they could have taught tea ceremony or even flower arrangement...
MARTIAL ARTS, HUH? THAT DOES SOUND RATHER NICE.
OH, HARU-SAMA, I'D BE HAPPY TO TEACH ANY NUMBER OF THEM IF YOU'D LIKE.
KYA!
WHAT ARE YOU DOING??
ONE MORE PLEASE.


IS THIS WHAT YOU WANTED?
UH... ONCE MORE?
THIS IS THE LAST TIME, OK?


MIGHT I HAVE PUSHED AN ODD SWITCH OR SOMETHING?
One more please

ABOUT THAT...
WHAT CLUB DID YOU WANT TO DO ANYWAY, HANASAKA?
AGAIN??
UH, UH,
ONE MORE PLEASE!

AH SORRY SORRY, I'M REALLY SORRY.
AND YOU WERE GOING ON ABOUT EACH OF US NEEDING TO COME UP WITH SOMETHING!
YOU HAVEN'T DECIDED YET--!!

I...

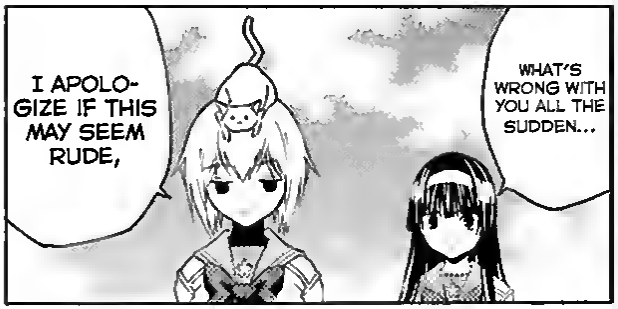
I JUST THOUGHT IT WOULD BE A WASTE TO JUST LIMIT IT TO ONLY ONE...

I'M FINE WITH WHATEVER HANASAKA-KUN COMES UP WITH.
I NEED TO BE GOING ...
W-WAIT A MINUTE, SHIKISHIMA-SAN!!
SHIKISHIMA-SAN, WE STILL HAVE TO TALK ABOUT...
I'M ALSO OF THE SAME OPINION AS SHIKISHIMA-SAN BY THE WAY.
I'LL HAPPILY AND UNCONDITIONALLY PARTICIPATE IN ANY CLUB ACTIVITY OF YOUR CHOOSING, HARU-SAMA.

M-MHM.
WITH THAT, I'LL BE LEAVING FOR THE DAY.
PLEASE DO THINK ABOUT IT AT YOUR LEISURE.

HOWEVER, I WOULD STILL RECOMMEND THE WOMAN'S BODY APPRECIATION CLUB.

FAREWELL, HARU-SAMA.
SEE YOU TOMORROW.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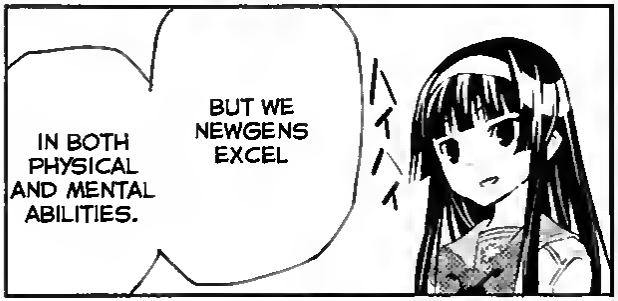
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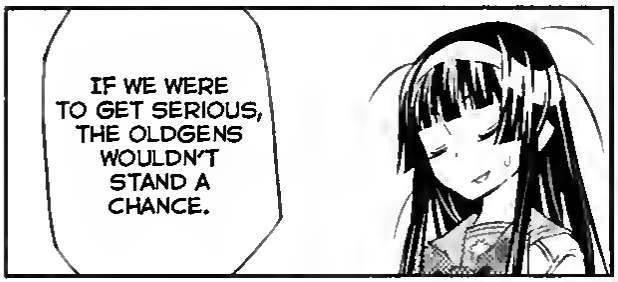
IF WE WERE
TO GET SERIOUS,
THE OLDGENS
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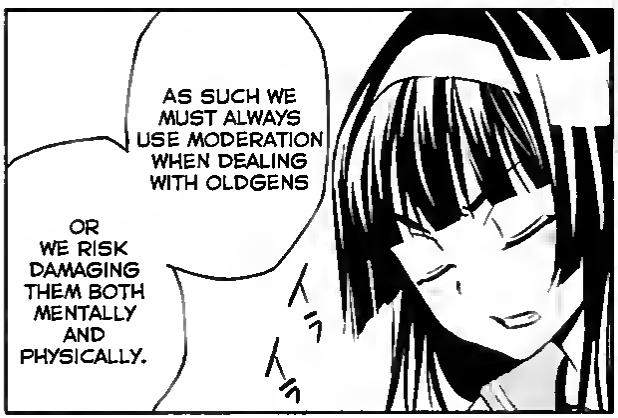
AS SUCH WE
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SCHOOL
COUNCIL,
HUH?
FIGURES
YOU WEREN'T
WORKING
AFTER ALL.
HAVING
CLUB
ACTIVITIES
MIGHT
NOT BE SUCH
A BAD IDEA
...

IN THE PAST, I WOULD EASE UP WITHOUT THINKING HARD ABOUT IT,
BUT LATELY I'VE BEEN HAVING FEELINGS OF FUTILITY TOWARDS IT.

THAT CHANGED TODAY. PERHAPS COLETTE-SAN IS SPECIAL,
BUT AT THE VERY LEAST I FELT THAT I WAS GREATLY LACKING OUTSIDE OF MY INTELLECT.

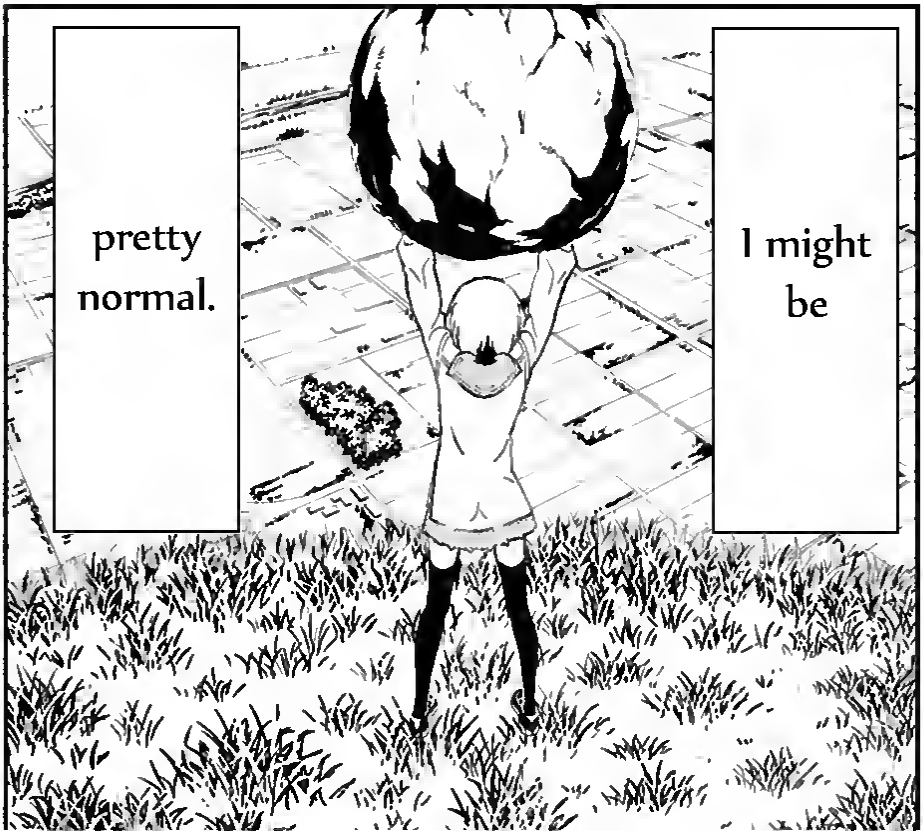
HEY SHIKISHIMA-SAN.
YES?

WANT TO PLAY SHOGI WITH ME?

THERE, CHECKMATE!
ONE MORE GAME.
O-
ONE MOR-
THERE, CHECKMATE AGAIN.

I'LL SHOW YOU HOW IT'S DONE AGAIN.
IF YOU FEEL LIKE A REMATCH, JUST LET ME KNOW.
THAT'S ENOUGH FOR TODAY.

special as I think I am.
not as...
Maybe I'm...


pretty normal.
I might be

SORRY FOR BEING SO INDECISIVE BACK THERE.
HANASAKA ...
AH, HIMESHIRO-SAN.
IT'S FINE.
I'VE BEEN THINKING THAT THE ACTIVITY ITSELF WAS MORE IMPORTANT,

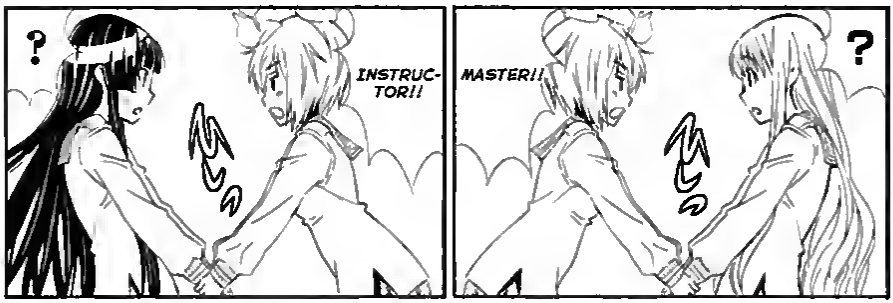
BUT THE PEOPLE YOU DO IT WITH, IS ALSO EQUALLY IMPORTANT.
SO IF YOU WANT TO DO SOMETHING WITH ALL FOUR OF US, HANASAKA, THAT'S FINE.
I'LL STICK WITH WHATEVER CLUB ACTIVITY YOU WANT.
THANKS HIMESHIRO-SAN.
HEARING THAT, I THINK I KNOW WHAT CLUB I WANT TO DO.

WHA? HOW DID YOU KNOW ABOUT THAT!
I'M SURE COLETTE-SAN HAS ALREADY MENTIONED SOMETHING LIKE THAT!
BUT NOTHING PERVERTED!

AH- SORRY.
THE WORST!
I KNEW IT!

SO WITH THAT, WE'VE DECIDED ON A CLUB ACTIVITY.

I JUST THOUGHT IT'D BE A WASTE TO LIMIT IT TO ONE...
THIS IS FAR TOO INDECISIVE.
OH MY, THAT'S VERY MUCH LIKE YOU, HARU-SAMA.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INSTRUC-TOR!!
MASTER!!
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And it was to be neither cultural nor physical, but the ultimate club to find out which club would be the most fun.
WHO KNOWS ...
SO, WHICH ONE DO YOU THINK IT IS?
Club Activity Research Club.
Cultural Activity Instructor.
Physical Activity Instructor

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